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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Nobumasa ABE  
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS WITH TRANSFER BELT  
**Assignee: SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION**  
Our Ref. Q76514

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising thirty eight (38) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract and thirteen (13) sheets of drawings. **The requisite U.S. Government Filing Fee , executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.** Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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| Total claims       | 16 | - | 20 | = |  | x | \$18.00 | = | \$0.00          |
| Independent claims | 2  | - | 3  | = |  | x | \$84.00 | = | \$0.00          |
| Base Fee           |    |   |    |   |  |   |         |   | \$750.00        |
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Priority is claimed from:

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| JAPAN          | 2002-209615           | July 18, 2002      |
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The priority documents are enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,  
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